

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
January 17th 2012 at 7 p.m.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: John Stantz, Dean Bruce, and Cynthia Hyde

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Street Supt. Larry Parrish, Sewage Dept. Supt. Shelley Edwards

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR January 3rd 2012 REGULAR MEETING

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Mr. English spoke to the Council regarding Circle Street. He stated that a recent survey indicated that part of the property known as Circle Street actually belongs to him and his wife. He made a proposal that the Town transfer the property to them for the amount of \$2,500.00 instead of asking the town to vacate the right-of-way and transfer it to him without consideration. A lengthy discussion followed, discussing the history of the street, and future access by Mr. Dayhuff, and one other property currently for sale. He said he would grant access to Mr. Dayhuff, but wanted to put any future owners of the former LaBarr property on notice that they would only be able to access that property from Hillside. Mr. English submitted his proposal to Mr. Lorenz for review. Mr. Lorenz suggested that Mr. Dayhuff and Holtzman be put on notice of a possible vacation of this roadway as a first step. Mr. English said he would meet with Mr. Lorenz to begin the formal application to vacate the roadway.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT Chief Foutch presented year-end statistics for 2011. In summary, he noted an increase in violent crimes from 2010 to 2011.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish requested permission to hire A to Z Tree Service to top three trees at Jefferson and Short in the amount of \$1,700.00.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the topping of trees by A to Z Tree Service in the amount of \$1,700. The motion was seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

Shelley Edwards reported on some maintenance issues at the plant.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Cynthia Hyde stated that an Equipment Committee was formed for looking at the replacement of equipment.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz stated he is still working on issues from the first Executive session and will continue working on them with the Clerk Treasurer. He also said he provided Dean Bruce an initial list of twenty parcels identified for the Hazard Mitigation project and that he hoped that the contracts would persuade the appraisers perform their services. He also stated that he has not seen any progress in regards to the sign movement in the Franklin Street Extension.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz stated that the INDOT meeting will be Friday, 1:30 to 3:30 in Seymour to discuss the intersection at 46 and Franklin. Jon said he would be attending that meeting.

A work session for discussion of Salary Ordinance and Personnel Policy with the Department Heads will be scheduled for February 8th, to meet at Lorenz' offices at 6pm.

Dean Bruce reported on the Tivoli site visit. He discussed some of the issues and deficiencies that surfaced from the first application for the OCRA grant. He also said that a public hearing will be held on February 6th at 6pm.

Dean Bruce next discussed the Hazard Mitigation Project. He heard from Angie Pappano and said they would need to approve the list of twenty parcels. The Board, along with Larry Parrish and Shelley Edwards discussed the last parcel which consisted of land only, and whether or not it qualified to be on the list. They

agreed that it belonged on the list since it was eligible and there were no other properties that were eligible to take its place.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the preliminary list of twenty participants of the Spencer Hazard Mitigation Grant administered by Angie Pappano. The motion was seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Jon Stantz motioned to accept claims as presented, seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. seconded by Cynthia Hyde and the motion passed 3-0.

Cynthia Hyde, President Jon Stantz, Vice-President Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer